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In re application of

Phillip MERRICK, et al.

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Appln. No.: 09/274,979

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For: XML REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL (XML-RPC)

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION****MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed August 5, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the remaining claims to read as follows:

125. (Previously Presented) A method of invoking a service at a first machine from a second machine, comprising the steps of generating a service invocation request message at said second machine using a markup language-based message encoding, and transmitting said service invocation request from said second machine, wherein said message includes plural elements representing data items of at least one argument and which are associated with type labels selected from an encoding group having a predetermined number of members, with at least two of said members designating elements containing other elements associated with type labels belonging to said group.